



# GOLD FEVER

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Was this your place?

It *used* to be.  
Everything's dead  
and gone.

Mine, too!

The war destroyed it all.  
I don't know *what* to do.

You've got to start  
over, mister.

With what?

Miners are getting rich out West.  
That's where I'm going. If you're  
smart, you will, too.

So Billy Cobb joined the desperate people going West.




There were ex-soldiers, hungry farmers, thieves and killers in the mix—all drawn by greed.

Billy got a little claim near Camp Broken Claw, a lawless little town on Black Mountain.



Billy worked like a dog, just trying to survive. He trusted no one, until...



Big Mike Clausen,  
is that really you?

Billy Cobb?

I heard you  
died in prison.

I'm too mean to die.



Billy, this is my boy, Jake.

Your Pa  
saved my  
life a time  
or two!

Humph!

Grrr

That war was horrible, Mike.\*  
We did so many terrible things.

It was like a slaughter  
house, Billy.

\*"For every battle of the warrior is  
with confused noise, and garments  
rolled in blood..." Isaiah 9:5

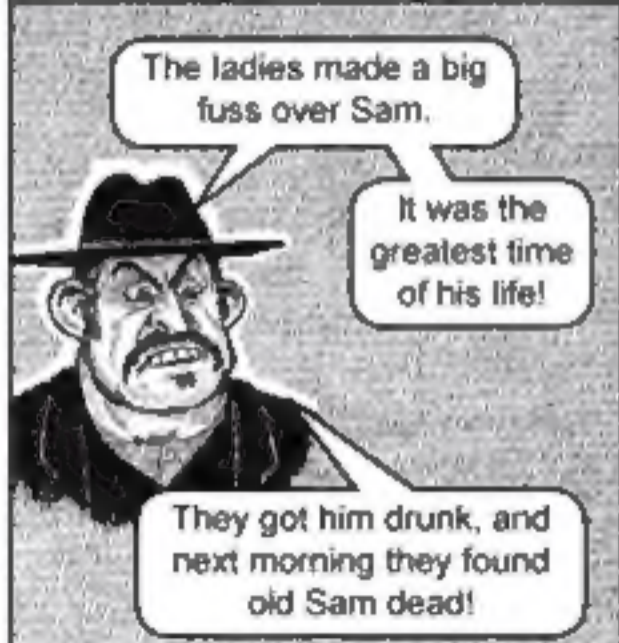
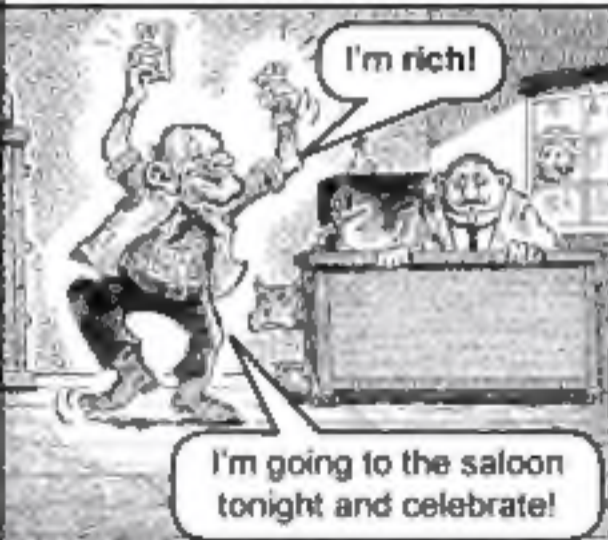
It's also dangerous up  
here, Billy. 19 have died.


Tell me about  
Old Sam.

Funny thing is,  
each man had  
struck it rich,  
like Old Sam.



When old Sam cashed in his gold,  
it was worth \$10,400.






Was *all* his money gone?

Every penny! They found two bullet holes in his back.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Timothy 6:10



If you hit gold like old Sam did, tell *nobody* but me.

Okay. I *know* I can count on you, Mikel!

Sure you can.

That night, a bolt of lightning knocks down an old tree next to Billy's tent.



Trapped in its roots is the biggest gold nugget ever found on Black Mountain.

To cash in on his gold nugget, Billy brings along Big Mike and Jake for protection.



Soon everybody knew.



Tomorrow we'll get you safely off the mountain. Get some sleep, Billy.



Nobody's gonna harm you as long as we're guarding you!

He's snoring, Pa!

Shhh! Grab the money!



And I'll take care of Billy!

I found the money!

*ZZZZ*

Thud!

Bang!

Bye, Billy Cobb.  
I'll see you in hell!

People heard two horses racing through Camp Broken Claw in the dead of night.



Both riders were laughing!

Somebody shot Billy in the belly

Get the preacher!

He ain't rich  
no more

Billy's money is gone.

and so are  
his friends.

Billy Cobb is unconscious



Preacher just before Big Mike shot me he said Bye Billy Cobb I'll see you in hell

He's right As soon as you die your soul will go like a bullet down into that burning fire and brimstone

You were betrayed by your friend just like Judas betrayed Jesus

I always thought hell was a joke

By the way preacher what made you so ugly?

When I was traveling West an Indian war party attacked us killing my family




I was scalped set on fire and left for dead Jesus let me live through it praise Him!

I had arrows in my leg and a doctor had to cut it off But soon I'll get my new leg!


I don't understand you! Why are you so happy? Are you crazy?

No! It's because I'm saved

A black and white illustration of a rural landscape. In the background, there is a small house with a chimney, surrounded by trees. In the foreground, a dog is sitting on the ground, looking towards the left. A speech bubble from the dog points towards the house.


After I die, I'll get a perfect new body up in heaven and I'll join my family again

Billy did your wife ever pray and take your kids to church?

A black and white illustration of a wooden building, possibly a barn or a church, with a dog sitting in front of it. A speech bubble from the dog points towards the building.

Always. They begged me to get saved so I could go to heaven with them. I cursed them and went off to war

That's sad Billy. You'll never see them again, 'cause you'll be screaming down in hell.


A man in a suit is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has a speech bubble coming from him.

How did you get saved preacher?

I heard that God had a gift for me that would save me from hell

I was too scared to turn it down!

What gift?

A man with a beard and sunglasses is shown from the chest up, looking towards the left. He has a speech bubble coming from him.

God said "There is none righteous no not one" \* for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God \*\*

Heaven was closed to us sinners

None of us could get there! So God made a way for us

\*Rom 3 10 \*\*Rom 3 23



God the Father in Heaven knew  
that only His holy blood could  
wash away our sins \*

So He sent His Son Jesus Christ  
to us to save us from hell

\*Acts 20 28

This was God's love gift Billy

My belly's  
on fire


My time's running out tell  
me quick what did Jesus  
do to save me?

After Jesus told the people that He was the only way to Heaven they nailed Him to a cross. He shed every drop of His precious, sinless blood to wash away the sins of the world. See Revelation 1:5



Jesus died on that cross for all the sins of the world. He shed His precious blood to wash away the sins of the world. He is now in Heaven.

Jesus died on that cross, was buried and three days later He rose from the dead. Now He is alive back in Heaven.




What do I do now?

The Bible says.  
Believe on the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
and thou shalt be  
saved \*

What? That's it?  
Just believe?

\*Acts 16:31



Yep God made it real easy  
for people to get saved  
You do believe all this about  
Jesus don'tcha Billy?

With all  
my heart

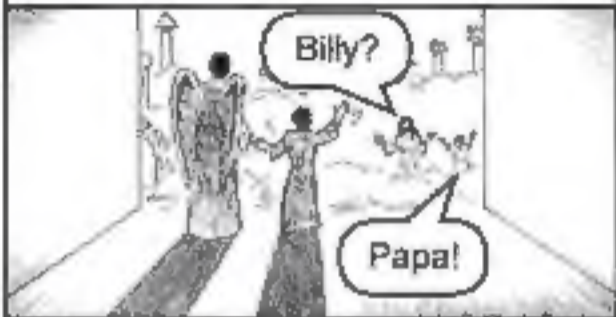
Then *pray*  
to Him

I don't know  
how to pray

Praying is just talking to God, Billy. Admit to Jesus you're a sinner and you're sorry. Ask Him to save you from going to hell!



Billy talked to Jesus, And all his sins were forgiven. Billy Cobb died with a big smile on his face.



When Billy walked through those gates into heaven, his family was thrilled to see him.

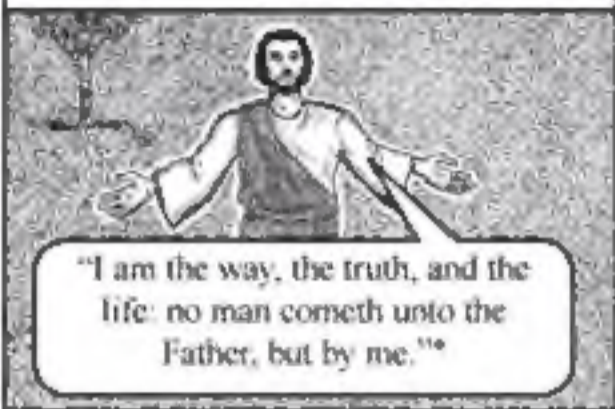
Because of Billy's simple trust in Jesus, he missed being cast into the lake of fire.\*



But not Big Mike and his boy, Jake. They're still down in hell —screaming.

\*Rev. 20:15 Also see Rom. 12:19, John 3:36

But Jesus is God's love gift for us.



"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."\*

That gift can give you eternal life, starting right now.\*\*

\*John 14:6 \*\*Romans 6:23

You made it by the skin  
of your teeth, Billy!



None of these others did.

Will you make it?

...So make your choice.



Jesus Christ

OR



Satan

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Do you believe Jesus died for your sins? YES NO

Did you ask Him to come into your heart to save you? YES NO

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you didn't, please read the next page.

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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